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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UN APARTHELD COMMITTEE BRINGS ONLY TOKEN RESPONSE

1. THE VISIT TO BRASILIA JUNE 9-11 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHELD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE, AND BROUGHT PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM GOB OFFICIALS EXPRESSING BRAZIL'S "ENERGETIC CONDEMNATION" OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. (AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY EUSTAGE SIGNORET OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND WAS OTHERWISE COMPOSED OF JEANNE CISSE DE CAMARA OF GUINEA, ENRE HELLAI OF HUNGARY, AND SAAD HASMI OF INDIA, ALL APPARENTLY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE UN MISSIONS.) AS PRESS COVERAGE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN ITS PURPOSES OF OBTAINING BRAZILIAN MEASURES TO INCREASE SOUTH AFRICA'S ISOLATION: THE GOB DID PLEDGE A \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

2. IN HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS, SIGNORET WAS RESTRAINED AND CORRECT, NOTING THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT AS ARGENTINA HAD SIGNED THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT

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OF THE CRIME OF APARTHELD, BRAZIL MIGHT ALSO: HE DIDGO SO FAR

AS TO POINT OUT, ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT, THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF BRAZIL'S AIR LINK WITH SOUTH AFRICA FAVORED TOURISM AND TRADE AND THUS RAN COUNTER TO THE GOAL OF ISOLATION.

3. COMMENT: PRIVATELY, WE UNDERSTAND, THE VISITORS WERE NOT SO RESTRAINED: A SENIOR ARAB DIPLOMAT WHO SPOKE WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THEM TOLD US THEY WERE "FURIOUS" WITH THE BRAZILIAN RESPONSE, WHICH THEY BLAMED ON THE INFLUENCE OF "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM": A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE VISIT COMMENTED FACETIOUSLY BUT BITTERLY THAT THE VISITORS' APPROACH THREATENED TO OVERTURN HIS PRINCIPLES AND CONVERT HIM TO SEGREGATIONISM.

4. IN FACT, OF COURSE, THE GROUP HAD VIRTUALLY NO HOPE OF SUCCESS HERE. THE GOB IS SENSITIVE TO SUGGESTIONS THAT IT IS SOFT ON APARTHEID (WITNESS THE "ENERGETIC CONDEMNATIONS" MENTIONED ABOVE), BUT GROWING COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AND THE STRONG CONVICTION AMONG BRAZIL'S RULERS THAT THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL SECURITY IS DIRECTLY AND IMPORTANTLY AFFECTED BY THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THE COUNTRIES WHICH RIM IT, COMBINE TO PROVE OVERRIDING.

5. A SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD US HIS MISSION WORKED VERY HARD TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF THE VISIT, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE DISTRIBUTION TO THE PRESS OF MATERIAL SHOWING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESS ON THE SUBJECT (HE CORRECTLY AND DISGUSTEDLY OBSERVED THAT THE MATERIAL HAD NOT BEEN USED), AND INTENSIVE LOBBYING WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING THE EXCESSES OF THE CONVENTION. HE EXPRESSED INCREDULITY THAT ARGENTINA HAD SIGNED IT: ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL MENTIONED ABOVE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE GOA HAD ADHERED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, WITHOUT FULLY APPRECIATING WHAT IT REQUIRED A SIGNATORY TO DO. END COMMENT.  
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